GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has suggested that the strength of judges in Delhi HighCourt Judicial Service and Delhi Judicial Services should be raised to 820;

(b) if so, whether the Government has considered the views of the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the appointment of more Judges are likely to be finalised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) to (c) The Supreme Court in its order of 18.8.2000 passed in the CWP No. D9509 of2000 Delhi Bar Association Vs. Union of India & Ors, has inter alia directed the Unionof India to indicate as to what should be the desired ideal strength of the subordinate judiciary in Delhi and what steps should be taken to achieve this.

This Department had requested the Delhi High Court to work out the same. The Delhi HighCourt had suggested that the ideal strength of the Delhi subordinate judiciary should be 818 i.e. 252 posts for Delhi Higher Judicial Service and 566 posts for the Delhi Judicial Service. The number of judges in Delhi subordinate courts was increased by 33 in the month of June, 2000 raising its strength to 385. The Central Government hassubmitted before the Supreme Court of India that out of these 385 posts, 248 are currentlyin position. If all the 385 posts are filled up, it would be able to take care of pending as well as current cases.